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EXDIS, LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND RICHARD MOOSE

FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 2680 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 21 AUG 77

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2680

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT AS DESIRED

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: RH, UK
SUBJECT: PRESSURE ON RHODESIA

1. AT END OF DISCUSSION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT ON AUGUST 20,
UK PERMREP RICHARD RAISED WITH LEONARD QUESTION OF JOINT
SCENARIO FOR RHODESIA. RICHARD SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND
PURPOSE OF TAKING MATTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL UNLESS SMITH
HAD AGREED TO UK/US PROPOSALS, AN UNLIKELY EVENTUALITY.
"WHERE IS THE STICK" THAT WILL BRING SMITH TO ACCEPT PLAN
EVEN IF POPULAR FRONT HAS WHOLEHEARTEDLY BACKED THE PLAN,
ANOTHER UNLIKELY EVENTUALITY. THE SANCTIONS THAT UK AND US
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COULD PROPOSE IN ORDER TO BRING SMITH INTO LINE WERE NOT
AT HAND.

2. LEONARD RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NOT THOUGHT ANY SANCTIONS
WERE TO BE PROPOSED TO SECURITY COUNCIL, MUCH LESS ENACTED,
AT MOMENT WHEN UK/US PROPOSALS ARE SURFACED. RATHER A PER-
IOD OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY WOULD ENSUE IN WHICH WORLD OPINION,

MOBILIZED THRU SECURITY COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSALS,
WOULD OPERATE ON SMITH AND VORSTER. IF THESE POLITICAL
PRESSURES FAULED TO PRODUCE DESIRED RESULT, AS MIGHT WELL
BE THE CASE, WE WOULD THEN INDEED NEED A STICK. LEONARD
NOTED THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS
OF "OIL WEAPON" AND HE PERSONALLY COULD ENVISAGE SOME
GRADUATED PRESSURE BEING EXERTED IN THIS AREA THROUGH "JAW-
BONING" WELL BEFORE ANY LEGAL MEASURE WAS RESORTED TO VIA;
SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION. HE RECOGNIZED THAT A RANGE OF
POSSIBILITIES WAS UNDER DISCUSSION AND HOPED THEY WOULD
BE URGENTLY THOUGHT THROUGH.

3. RICHARD MERELY REITERATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT
WHOLE PACKAGE, CARROTS AND STICKS INCLUDED, WAS TO BE PUT
FORWARD AT ONE TIME AND THAT HE COULD NOT IMAGINE WHAT
EFFECTIVE STICKS COULD ACCEPT.

4. COMMENT: IF OUR UNDERSTANDING IS WRONG, PLEASE AD-
VISE. IF WE ARE ON RIGHT TRACK, RICHARD STILL HAS VERY
VALID POINT SINCE OUR PRESENTATIONS OF PROPOSALS WILL
NOT BE CONVINCING UNLESS WE CAN INDICATE PRIVATELY WHAT
WE ARE WILLING TO DO, ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS, I WOULD AS-
SUME, IN CASE SMITH SIMPLE REJECTS OUR PROPOSALS AND
STONEWALLS.

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